GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3078
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2002
REMOVAL OF MOCHI COMMUNITY FROM SC LIST
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat have forwarded a proposal to the UnionGovernment to remove `Mochi` community from the list of Scheduled Castes of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the present status of the proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in arriving at a decision by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken on the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) A proposal for restricting area of `Mochi` community as Scheduled Caste toonly Dangs district and Umergaon Taluka of Valsad district has been processed as per approved modalities and incorporated in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes)Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2001. This Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on31.08.2001. No time frame can be specified for finalizing the proposal.